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In re application of:

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed 14 February 2003, the response to which is set to expire on 14 May 2003. Claims 1-11 were pending and claims 8-11 were rejected. Reconsideration and entry of the following amendment are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A 1. (Currently amended) A method for diagnosing breast cancer, or a high risk of breast cancer, in a subject, comprising measuring basic fibroblast growth factor (bFGF) in a test sample of nipple fluid obtained from the subject, and comparing the level of bFGF in the test sample with samples from subjects not having breast cancer, wherein an increase in the level of bFGF in the test sample, as compared to samples from subjects not having breast cancer, [indicating] indicates breast cancer or the high risk of breast cancer in the [test] subject.